

FERNDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee** held on Monday 7 September 2020 at 7.00pm via MS Teams.

ATTENDANCE LIST

Councillor T Cordery (Chairman),

Councillors: I Flay, S Fleetham, M Parkes, Miss K Stamp, N Wellstead.

Officers: Mrs Tina Dudley, Interim Deputy Town Clerk
Miss Susan Denton, Notetaker

096 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Stickley due to work commitments.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Parkes SECONDED by Cllr Fleetham and unanimously:

Resolved that apologies for absence be accepted.

097 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest for this meeting.

098 Public Participation

No members of the public had asked to join the meeting or submitted written representation.

099 Minutes of the previous meeting

Following consideration of the minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2020 it was PROPOSED by Cllr Fleetham, SECONDED by Cllr Parkes and unanimously-

Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2020.

Members noted the following:

i) Town Centre Regeneration

After raising this at Dorset Council, Cllr Parkes advised that this is still on the agenda, but timescales are unknown.

ii) Town Map

Due to the high cost of producing a new map, it was agreed that the old map should be removed and the structure be used as a Town Council notice board.

iii) Silent Soldiers

Members agreed that the silent soldiers had served their time well in the town and it was now appropriate that they be removed. One would be offered to the British Legion, another to Hampreston Church and another placed in the memorial garden.

iv) Dugdell Play Park

The Clerk advised that an insurance settlement had been received in respect of damaged equipment and that the park would shortly be having a safety inspection. It was noted that Committee had previously agreed that a Task and Finish Group would be set up to consider the future of Ford Lane and Dugdell Playpark and that the recommendations would be presented to the Committee.

v) Christmas event

Members were keen for the Town Council to be involved in offering residents a Christmas event but were mindful of the restrictions placed on such events by the current Covid-19 pandemic. It was agreed to place this on the Agenda for the next meeting in October as updated guidance relating to events may be available at that time.

100 Minutes of the Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee Working Parties

Traffic Working Party

- a) 4 February 2020
- b) 8 June 2020
- c) 13 July 2020

A Member voiced concern about the increase in illegal parking on Victoria Road.

Members noted the notes of the Traffic Working Parties held on 4 February, 8 June, and 13 July 2020.

Allotment Working Party

- d) 27 July 2020

Members noted the notes of the Allotment Working Party on 27 July 2020.

101 Ferndown Youth Centre

Members considered a written report provided by Aaron Fellows, Youth Worker-in-Charge. A Member noted the rise in anti-social behaviour in the town but appreciated the restrictions placed on the service. Members noted that income has

decreased due to lack of subscriptions and tuck shop sales. This would be part of the budget review at the next meeting. Aaron should be invited to the next meeting to provide an update, particularly with regard to the reopening of the Youth Centre during the Covid-19 pandemic.

102 Financial Budget Comparison Report 01 Apr 20 – 28 August 2020

The Financial Budget Comparison Report was noted.

It was agreed that the Committee should review the 2021/2022 budget requirements and impact of the COVID 19 pandemic at the next meeting scheduled on 12 October 2020.

103 Bus Stop Seating

Highways had agreed on the siting of a seat at the bus stop Barnes Road, Tricketts quotes had been obtained, however Members requested that a decision be deferred until after the budget review.

104 Dog bins in Ferndown

Members agreed to put the request for dog bins on Coppins Close and Beaufoys Avenue on hold until after the budget review.

105 Overgrown dangerous hedges/trees/vegetation notification

Complaints had been received from residents about the wording on the Section 154 notice issued to residents by the Town's Lengthsman. Members considered the current wording used by the Town Council alongside the wording suggested for such notices by Dorset Council.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Stickley, SECONDED by Cllr Miss Stamp and unanimously-

Resolved to retain the current Section 154 notice issued by the Town Council's Lengthsman.

106 Draft Forward Plan 2019/20

Members noted the Draft Forward Plan for the Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee.

i) Ford Lane

Cllr Cordery would liaise with Cllr Parkes in respect of a visit to Ford Lane.

ii) Dugdell Play Area

As advised earlier, a safety inspection would be taking place.

iii) Youth Centre Task and Finish Group

It was agreed to defer the setting up of a Task and Finish Group for the Youth Centre until the new year.

iv) Town Centre Regeneration

As advised earlier Cllr Parkes will keep this on the Agenda at Dorset Council.

v) Amenities

Members requested that the Lengthsman be asked to carry out an audit of bus shelters and litter bins. Members noted that the work carried out by the Town's Lengthsman continued to attract positive comments from residents.

vi) Lengthsman

Cllr Parkes clarified that the review of the Lengthsman's post should consider whether there are any other opportunities to offer the service he provides. Cllrs Flay, Fleetham and Parkes agreed to form a Task and Finish Group to discuss this further.

vii) Footpaths and Cycleways

Cllr Cordery advised that some of the footpaths become impassable after inclement weather. Cllr Parkes, as Ward Councillor, would be informed of particular problem areas.

Cllr Parkes advised that work on new three-year cycleway project in the town and surrounding areas had commenced. Funding for this project was from the Transforming Cities Fund.

107 Correspondence

There was no correspondence received.

108 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee will take place on Monday 12 October 2020 at 7pm via MS Teams.

The meeting closed at 7.57pm.

Chairman